10 per cent during this period.

Sale of Paper

4327. **SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA**: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any discrimination from dealer to dealer in the sale of paper viz. non-execution of orders of some dealers intentionally by M/s Hindustan Paper Corporation Ltd., Calcutta; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that demand of existing dealers are being not met;

(c) if so, the reasons for HPC Ltd. to appoint new dealers; and

(d) the number of dealers appointed during the last two years and their details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) While there is no discrimination from dealer to dealer, in supply of paper, in some cases there is delay in supply of paper on account of unavoidable reasons like mills being cut off due to flood etc.

(c) and (d) New dealers have been appointed mainly in the unrepresented areas. 84 dealers were appointed in 91-92 and 92-93. The details of the dealers appointed are given in the Statement.

Statement

List of Dealers appointed by Hindustan Paper Corporation Limited in the last two years i.e. 1991-92 and 1992-93

Place/Location	No. of dealers appointed
AHMEDABAD	3
BOMBAY	5
BHARATPUR	1
BANGALORE	4
CALCUTTA	7
DELHI	11
GUWAHATI	4
DHANBAD	1
BHAGALPUR	2
FAIZABAD	1
PATNA	3
JODHPUR	1
TRIPURA (WEST)	1
TRIPURA (SOUTH)	1
CALICUT	1
MADRAS	1
TRIVANANTHAPURAM	1
KUNNAMKULAM	1
KOCHI	1
NELLORE	1
VIJAYAWADA	1
HYDERABAD	3
JHANSI	1
JULLUNDAR	1
KANPUR	2
JAIPUR	1
UDAIPUR	1
MADURAI	1
JAMMU	1
NAGALAND	1
SILCHAR	2
NAGPUR	2
RANCHI	2
BELGAUM	1
JAMSHEDPUR	1
VARANASI	1
SECUNDERABAD	1
BASTI	1
CHANDIGARH	1
INDORE	2
ALLAHABAD	1
HUBLI	1
VIZIANAGARAM	1

High Court Bench at Dibrugarh

4328. **SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA**: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the severe hardships as well as inconvenience being faced by litigants of upper Assam and Arunachal Pradesh because of poor transport services and other constraints in these regions who are to shuttle frequently to/from Guwahati for their cases in the Guwahati High Court;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have received representations from various quarters demanding establishment of a Bench of the said High Court at Dibrugarh in view of the hardships as in (a) above; if so, the details thereof; and what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) if so, whether Government propose for

setting up of a permanent Bench of High Court at Dibrugarh as the place being a centrally situated city in upper Assam and also easily accessible to a large part of Arunachal Pradesh; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) Representations have been received from the Dibrugarh Bar Association, the Dibrugarh Nagrik Sangha, the All Assam Lawyers' Association and the Eastern Assam Chamber of Commerce and Industry, etc. for establishing a Bench of Guwahati High Court at Dibrugarh.

Section 31(3) of the North-Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971 empowers the Chief Justice of Guwahati High Court to order, with the approval of the Governor of Assam, Sittings of Judges and Division Courts of the High Court at Dibrugarh. According to Section 31(2) of the Act, the President may, after consultation with the Chief Justice of the Guwahati High Court and the Governor of Assam, establish a permanent bench of the High Court at Dibrugarh.

There is no proposal for setting up of a permanent Bench of the Gawahati High Court at Dibrugarh, as no such proposal has been received from the Government of Assam. Infact, the State Government intimated vide their letter dated 4-2-92 that the High Court had not found it suitable to establish a permanent Bench of the High Court at Dibrugarh.

It has been decided to set up a Bench of Guwahati High Court at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh.

Pending cases before Guwahati High Court

4329. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of pending cases with district-wise breakup before the Guwahati High Court at present;

(b) the names of present benches of the said High Court stating the respective dates when they were established and the details of pending cases before each such bench at present;

(c) the names of the present judges of the said High Court stating the respective dates on which they assumed office along with the dates of their retirement;

(d) whether all the vacant posts of Judges in the said High Court have been filled up; if not, the number of posts lying vacant at present and the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when Government proposes to fill up the vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) As per the available information, 23,301 cases were pending in the Guwahati High Court as on 31-12-1992. District-wise information is not available.

(b) and (c) The requisite information is given in the attached Statement (*See* below).

Statement

(b) Names of the present Benches of the Guwahati High Court and date of their establishment alongwith number of pending cases

Sl. No.	Place of the Permanent Bench	Date of Establishment	Number of pending cases as on 31-12-1992
1.	Kohima	10-2-1990	494
2.	Aizwal	5-7-1990	239
3.	Imphal	21-1-1992	3,779
4.	Agartala	16-5-1992	3,642

(c) Names of the present Judges of the Guwahati High Court, date of appointment and date of retirement

Sl. No.	Name of the Judge	Date of appointment	Date of Retirement
	S/Shri Justices		
1.	U. L. Bhatt	18-09-1980	14-10-1995
2.	R. M. Singh	21-11-1984	2-2-1994
3.	S. N. Pukhan	11-10-1985	1-4-1999
4.	J. Sangama	23-7-1986	1-3-1995
5.	S. K. Hom Chaudhury	5-12-1988	1-3-1996
6.	W. A. Shishak	2-1-1989	1-1-2003
7.	H. K. Sema	24-5-1989	1-6-2005
8.	Smt. Meera Sharma	24-5-1989	4-11-1999